

which the neophytes have tangled in the over-arching limbs while fishing!"

Our author is here expressing his approval of the rod-licenses, (in Quebec and the Lower Provinces) which give exclusive right to fish in particular waters for a period of nine years. To this system there can be no objection, so long as it is not carried too far. The fishing-preserves may be used as the depositaries of artificially hatched ova; the close seasons will be strictly observed; fishways may be erected to facilitate the passage of salmon, and thus the angler of superior skill will have the best sport without being exposed to the annoyances of which Mr. Hallock complains in a rather exaggerated strain. Fishing may, as old Izaak Walton says, teach patience; but we fear it is that species of it which is long-suffering only when practised in solitude—with no one to put it to the test. It is very annoying to see a man run over the hounds or start from covert before the game is within range, or to find that some one has tracked the trout-stream we had hoped to reserve for ourselves. Sport has its fortunes and misfortunes as well as war, and they must be borne with such equanimity as we can command.

Besides, our author forgets a passage, which we read with pleasure, in his prefatory remarks; let us remind him of it in this connection:—"By degrees we shall teach our wives and daughters (other people's daughters, too?) to participate in the favourite pastimes of their husbands and sons (&c. ?); for do they not always take an interest in all that concerns us?" We thoroughly believe with him, that it would go far to wean young people "from the dissipation, late hours and unhealthy conventionalisms of fashionable watering-places." With the exception of dancing, croquet and archery, there are no out-door amusements in which the young of both sexes can engage together. Angling would at once afford active play for the muscles, ample opportunities for the acquirement or exhibition of skill, and open the

mind to the fullest enjoyment of the beauties of nature. Instead of the picnic *à la mode*, begun in the heat of the day—when active exertion is out of the question—and only becoming pleasant when every one is too wearied even for a languid dance on the dew-laden grass, let us follow the angler's plan and have our fill of open-air exercise in the first fresh hours of the morning. Where the fishing stream is not accessible in the neighbourhood, there could be no difficulty in organizing a select party of family friends for the necessary excursion.

Amongst our tourists, however, there would of necessity be some tyroes. In England, young ladies who can deftly cast a fly are not by any means difficult to find; in Canada, on the other hand, angling has not yet been recognized as a branch in the "higher education of women." For politeness' sake, however, let us suppose that the gentleman is as often the neophyte as the lady—people will fish, as well as hunt, in couples. Here, then, would be an opportunity for young people, whom it concerned, to learn something of each other's temper. Patience of both kinds would be tested—that which Mr. Hallock has learned as well as that which he has yet to learn. One party or other must, in addition to his or her want of luck or want of skill, bear patiently with a companion's tornado-like "*swis-s-sh*," and all the other troubles of the sportsman who has "attained the sublime degree." A lover might possibly repress himself in the presence of his betrothed; but it would require more patience than most sportsmen seem to possess to exercise self-restraint when "a glorious rise" is missed through the awkwardness of a wife or daughter. We shall not refer to the inconvenience of wading-boots, which must of necessity be used even by ladies who would be of "high rank" in "impetuous river and tumbling mountain streams."

The *Salmonidæ* alone, in the author's opinion, deserve the title of game-fish. The